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Leader of CIA army in Laos finds refuge in Missoula

By RICHARD E. LANDERS
Montana Kaimin Editor

A key military leader of the Royal Laotian Army and CIA clandestine troops has left Indochina for refuge in Missoula.

Maj. Gen. Vang Pao, a 48-year-old Meo mountain tribesman, left Laos as the communist-controlled Pathet Lao gained control of the Laotian government.

Still in Indochina are tens of thousands of fellow Meos in Thai refugee camps or roaming the hills of Laos looking for an area offering peace and safety.

Admitted into the United States as a refugee, Vang Pao has bought a \$51,000 house at 3316 W. Central Ave. where he is settling at least for awhile. Eastern newspapers have reported he is being helped by a retired CIA agent living here.

Vang Pao, in interviews Saturday and yesterday, would not comment on the CIA assistance.

Vang Pao said he is not in Missoula for any reason other than to find peace, privacy and to "retire from too many years of war."

Although he was brought into this country with the help of CIA agents with whom he worked and became friends in Laos, he has bought his home in his own name and is making little attempt to hide his identity as an often publicized war leader.

Missoula police and sheriff's detectives yesterday said no special protection or surveillance has been assigned to Vang Pao or his family.

Two of Vang Pao's children have been living with foster parents in Missoula since 1971.

Vang Pao said he has been to Missoula twice since 1971 while he was involved with American operations in Laos.

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However, he said he is not sure he will remain here permanently, noting that he has not spent a winter in Montana and he has children he wants to visit in other parts of the country and France.

Vang Pao's story is the primary chapter in American military involvement in Laos.

A farm boy with six years of village education, he worked faithfully with U.S. military advisers to lead Meo tribesmen and other factions of the Laotian army against communist troops for more than 14 years.

Now, the Meo clans are destitute in Indochina, receiving little help from the U.S. government, which drove them to fight for so many years.

Meo is a name these tribesmen acquired from the Chinese. The tribesmen consider Meo derogatory, preferring, instead, to be called Hmong.

Hmong Willing To Fight

The Laotians of the plain are peaceful people who generally avoid fighting when they can. The Hmong mountain people, however, have always resisted outside encroachment. It is the Hmong's willingness to fight that at-

tracted the U.S. government to Vang Pao.

The Geneva Accords of 1962 required foreign troops—American Special Forces and Soviets providing logistics support for communist forces, the Pathet Lao and their North Vietnamese allies—to withdraw from Laos.

Although President John Kennedy said American interests in Laos were small, U.S. intelligence was aware that the North Vietnamese were not complying with the Geneva agreements.

U.S. Special Forces had been pulled out of Laos, but military operations never really ended; they became clandestine.

This month the *Washington Star* reported Vang Pao was given a tour of U.S. Special Forces headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1961. However, Vang Pao said yesterday that it was a Laotian officer named Ly Tou Po who came to the United States.

Vang Pao said his first visit to this country was in 1968.

Vang Pao had fought the communists as a sergeant in the French army in 1946. After Laos became independent in 1949 he was commissioned major general and later displaced a traditional tribal boss as leader of the Hmong.

By 1963, when a series of assassinations had helped the conflict in Laos, the United States had cultivated a reliable leader for what the *Washington Star's* Henry Bradsher called the CIA's "secret army."

To maintain a color of compliance with the Geneva Accords, the United States turned military functions in Laos over to the CIA, which, unlike typical assistance groups based in the country of operation, set up advising headquarters in neighboring Thailand. From there secret operations were conducted in Laos.

The United States had two primary reasons for maintaining forces in Laos:

- To assist the government armies of Laos against the Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese in the struggle for political control of the kingdom.
- To interdict the military traffic on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a communist supply route to South Vietnam.

U.S. Underwrites Laotian Troops

In 1969, the *New York Times*, having been told of the undercover military operations, reported Vang Pao's troops had been "armed, equipped, fed, paid, guided strategically and tactically and often transported into and out of action by the United States."

Henry Kamm reported for the *Times* in July that Vang Pao became a legend among the Hmong:

"Having been endowed by the United States with riches unimaginable to a people whose way of life, anthropologists say, has not changed essentially in recorded history, he still is the leader for most of the Meos of Lao although the riches have stopped and he is far away."

Vang Pao said he is not receiving a government salary, but living on savings he acquired in Laos. He said he has "worked for the (United States) military for many years" and is hopeful that he will be getting some sort of pension soon.

"That's the way I see it," he said. "I don't know how they (U.S. government officials) see it."

Vang Pao refuted, to some degree, press reports that he and his Hmong tribesmen were fighting in Laos solely because of American urging.

"Whether the United States helped us or not, we had to defend the country," he said. "Laos is too weak."

He contended the Hmong had no choice but to fight with Americans to resist communist invasions.

Vang Pao told *National Geographic* that, for the Hmong, who were forced to live a nomadic life by governments on the make, "war is difficult; peace is hell."

CIA Advisers

Vang Pao's pride and temper ruled out the CIA from anything more than advisory roles in combat operations. But his troops were totally dependent on the United States for all materials, transportation and pay.

The United States' involvement in Laos has had significant direct and indirect effects on the Hmong.

Polygamy, for example, has become more widely practiced among the Hmong.

Vang Pao has six wives who were chosen diplomatically from among Hmong clans to consolidate his leadership.



Former Meo Maj. Gen. Vang Pao
(Montana Kaimin photo by Joe Stark)

The primary character in the story of American involvement in Laos has retired in Missoula. His fellow Meo tribesmen, however, are destitute in Thai refugee camps and the hills of Indochina.

Knowing that bigamy laws apply in Missoula, Vang Pao said he has brought only one wife and 3 of his 23 children here.

He has one son who, by a special act of Congress, has been enrolled at West Point since last year. Also in the United States is one of his daughters, who married a UM graduate in economics.

The rest of his family, Vang Pao said, is in Vientiane, Laos.

For the Hmong tribesmen in Indochina, polygamy is not a diplomatic process. It is a matter of survival for a tribe that needs workers in the hard life of slash-and-burn farming and whose male population has been decimated by war.

A vivid account of the Hmong's suffering came from Edgar (Pop) Buell, former Academy for International Development director in Laos, in *New Yorker* magazine, May, 1968:

"A few days ago, I was with V.P.'s (Vang Pao's) officers when they rounded up three hundred fresh Meo recruits. Thirty per cent of the kids were fourteen years old or less, and about a dozen were only ten years old. Another thirty per cent were fifteen or sixteen. The rest were thirty-five or older. Where were the ones in between? I'll tell you—they're all dead."

Other Effects On Hmong

Here are some other effects on the Hmong tribesmen attributable in some way to United States interference:

- In 1971, under American pressure, the Laotian government declared the country's chief cash crop, opium, illegal. Encouraged by the French, the Hmong reportedly once

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Pfeiffer terms mayor's words 'outrageous'

E. W. Pfeiffer, professor of zoology, said yesterday that he and his attorney are considering gathering facts to bring legal action against Mayor Robert Brown, the city council and the City of Missoula.

Pfeiffer is objecting to comments made by Mayor Brown that appeared in the Oct. 24 *Montana Kaimin*.

Brown alleged that Pfeiffer and Meyer Chessin, professor of botany, are two examples of University of Montana personnel that some citizens would like to see leave Missoula.

He also termed the two "knotheads" and said some people in the community believe Pfeiffer is communistic.

Brown's statement is an "outrageous action by an elected public official on one of his constituents," Pfeiffer said.

Brown, when notified of the possible libel suit yesterday, said he thought the story was a "good job" and was "factual."

Pfeiffer and his attorney, who prefers not to be identified, are trying to estimate the degree of damage Mayor Brown's comments made on Pfeiffer's reputation and his financial situation as a UM professor.

The trips Pfeiffer made to North Viet Nam, South Viet Nam and Cambodia were to study the "effects of defoliation and herbicidal chemicals," Pfeiffer said.

The work he did stopped the use of herbicidal chemicals which kill crops and forests in Viet Nam, he continued.

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, and Gov. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin have both commended Pfeiffer for his scientific work in Viet Nam.



W. E. Pfeiffer
(Montana Kaimin photo by Dave Lowrey)

UM student injured slightly when hit by car

A University of Montana student was slightly injured in a car-pedestrian accident yesterday afternoon near the field house.

25-year-old Bonnie Amdahl was treated and released from St. Patrick Hospital following the accident, a nurse in the emergency ward said.

The accident occurred in the 800 block of South Fifth Avenue, police said.

The investigating officer issued no citations, but said sun might have been in the eyes of the driver, Michael Harrington.

The vehicle, a 1975 Chevrolet Forest Service pick-up, sustained no damages, police said.

Investigating officer, Donald Milhouse, said two jogging UM students gave conflicting eyewitness accounts. One said the woman was struck by the truck, while the other said she was not.

opinion

PC marquee:
A gaudy sign
of the times

TWO POLARIZED ways of night life exist in Missoula.

Within everyone's range are the garish, glaring signs and lights of the 93 Strip and the moonlit, star-studded skies seen from anywhere man has not installed sockets and light fixtures.

Two factions of students romp in the night. One is carousing on the city's streets getting loose and getting goosed in blaring bars.

The other is pensive, contemplating the peace in quiet.

With accelerating frequency the lovers of one way of life are cluttering this world, country, state and city with power lines and dazzling signs.

Admittedly, there is a need for wires, heat, power, illumination and other electromania.

But there is also a limit.

Program Council shattered the campus quiet last week with its marquee-on-a-trailer obtrusively stationed in the oval. It pulled from the Chamber of Commerce bag of bad habits a trick that has annoyed people who have traveled Highway 93 for years. The sign was lit up, wires wet with dampness turning away from the oval lovers of peace and lovers.

Credit with self control those who restrained the urge to kick the sign to pieces.

Credit with conscientiousness those who loudly objected to the obtrusion.

Program Council can advertise its fun with posters, the *Kaimin* and hot-air balloons during the day. Or with huge, gaudy signs—somewhere else.

We've got one 93 Strip for one group

of funlovers; let's keep the campus for others.

What's wrecked is wrecked, but don't wrack the quiet here.

Richard E. Landers

editor's notes . . .

LOSING THE ABILITY to dream can mean a lowering of one's self-esteem and the villain may be too many hours in front of a television set.

A report by the Australian National

University Center for Continuing Education warns that excessive television watching may not only alienate the viewer from society, but also seems to stimulate impulsive, aggressive behavior.

The report also suggests that losing the ability to dream can lead to a confused sense of identity and momentary forgetfulness. Television programs, especially those in color, appear to be a cause of the increasing use of tranquilizers and barbituates, the report concludes.

letters

Professors defended

Editor: The front-page story by Natasha Jacobson in Friday's *Montana Kaimin* stirs a wish that stays in my mind: that under somebody's hand before long the story of our University's spirit and conduct through the Vietnam War decade be told with care and knowledge. I personally think it has been one of the periods in the University's history of which we should be proud. And I can hardly believe that the names of Professors Pfeiffer and Chessin would not stand high among the few who were first to see and act upon their insight into the meaning of our intervention in that civil war.

But there were, and probably are still, many views on that war. There were many expressions and demonstrations of those views on our campus, from students, faculty and administrators. There were events that were stirring and troublesome to the outside world, and personal losses to the participants on campus. The experiences involved were innumerable and surely not within the knowing of any single person. Many of those who were most deeply involved, faculty, administrators and students, have already left the community.

I would think that work done now might be quite significant for the future historian of the University or the state. I do not know what group or organization should pick up the ball right now.

Edmund Freeman
professor emeritus, English

Football supported

Editor: I am a UM student and an avid football fan. I am certain that the situation regarding the football program concerns the athletic department and many UM students.

The attacks made in recent issues of the *Montana Kaimin* were, at first, taken lightly by many students. But gradually the articles have begun to take a much firmer position and the attacks have increased in their opposition to the football program.

I have stood by long enough and would, at this time, like to speak up in defense of the football program. I have discussed my views

with others who have agreed that something must be done. I, like others, am willing to try to help in any way to secure the position of the football program here at the University. I believe that something can be done with the help of the coaching staff, the football team, and those students in favor of the program.

I also realize that with over half of the season still left, concentration on the remaining games is essential. I can't help but think that it must be hard on the team to face the possibilities of an end to football on the University level.

Nevertheless, they are playing well and bringing pride to the University and the Grizzly name. Good luck in the coming games and remember that there are many who would hope to see a 1976 football season.

Becky Clark
freshman, history

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comment

Hunting is the only thing

Editor: To Jim Banks: You are representative of the great bulk of anti-hunters; very uninformed on your subject. Your criticisms of hunting are analogous to the man who thinks carbon monoxide is harmless simply because he can't see it.

You stated we should find alternatives to hunting apparently because you believe hunting is cruel. I can see no cruelty involved in killing an animal for food. Scores of other animals must kill daily for their very existence.

Man has been no exception. The majority of archeological records indicate man has been a hunter by nature for thousands of years. He still relies on killing animals for food as is evidenced by the tons of beef, pork, etc., that are consumed daily.

Unless you are a vegetarian, you support the "cruel" killing of animals by buying meat. The supposed logic you convey by saying that killing animals is cruel could be extended a bit further into a vegetative realm! What the hell are we to eat?

Hunting favored

I see many points in favor of hunting. For ex-

ample, it gets a lot of people out into nature away from their over-civilized, technology-nurtured existence. And if there is one thing this world needs, it is less alienation from nature. Hunting may play only a small part in such a process, but nevertheless, it helps.

I can also attest that the meat from a game animal is usually far better than the toxin-ridden, commercially raised meats. For instance, a hormone was found in cattle feed (and subsequently in the meat), in the not too distant past which is carcinogenic (cancer-causing). Think about that next time you nourish your anti-hunting brain with a fat beef steak.

As you said in your article, hunting is important because it keeps herds from becoming overpopulated. Before the advent of the white man, this continent had a well-balanced ecosystem.

Game herds were kept in check by naturally perfect means such as predation. The integrity of this ecosystem has been annihilated.

Alternatives irresponsible

I found it irresponsible of you to suggest

alternatives to hunting when none actually exists. Let's examine some of these panaceas of yours.

How about trapping live animals and putting them somewhere else? This has not worked in the past, (e.g., Yellowstone Park elk trapping), nor will it ever, because the animals will often become just another problem on their new range.

What about regulating an elk herd naturally by the reintroduction of predators such as wolves and cougars? That is also an infeasible alternative, since these predators require vast tracts of unpopulated country to live in. Such country no longer exists in the U.S. Even if the predators could be established, they would no doubt raise qualms among landowners adjacent to where they were released.

Poisons unworkable

Suppose that scientists came up with a poison to regulate herbivore populations. This has been effective with carnivores through the use of such compounds as strychnine and 1080. However, to kill herbivores the poison would have to be put on their food plants,

which is out of the question.

How do you know which particular plant a deer or elk will graze on, or that any of a host of other animals will eat it first?

What if a disease was developed which killed only deer? This too, would be an inoperable alternative, since it would be difficult in the extreme to kill only the desired number of animals instead of wiping out the whole herd.

Antifertility drugs could be developed, but it is too difficult to catch animals in order to administer the drugs, especially in mountainous, heavily timbered terrain.

I can foresee public sentiment being raised over an unborn animal's right to life too, just as the anti-abortionists are doing now.

I seriously doubt if a readily feasible alternative to hunting will be found in the next half century.

So, Jim, next time you prepare to fill the *Montana Kaimin* full of your sentimentalist babble on hunting, I suggest you educate yourself on the matter beforehand.

Ralph Waldt,
freshman, wildlife biology

Former Meo leader relocates

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produced 90 per cent of Laos' opium crop. The ban was enforced in part by mysterious helicopter sprayings, which destroyed opium crops grown illegally. Neither the American nor the Laotian government would own up to the spraying, but the opium law left thousands of Hmong without a means of making a living. But American aircraft were there with food and supplies for the troops and families of Hmong soldiers.

• The toll of dead and wounded was so great in 1969 that Vang Pao told his American advisers he was considering moving his Hmong followers to a more peaceful region in northwestern Laos. But the U.S. advisers there persuaded Vang Pao to continue fighting.

• Vang Pao told the *Montana Kaimin* he took orders from Premier Souvanna Phouma, not the American government.

However, Henry Kamm wrote in the *New York Times*:

"When the Pathet Lao and Vientiane sides of the coalition government (an assembly of communist and Laotian factions) agreed last December on a census of displaced persons on the Vientiane side, General Vang Pao refused to let a mixed census team into his area, known as military Region II, to ask the Meos whether they wanted to return to their original villages—now on the Pathet Lao side."

Vang Pao told the *Kaimin* the census team had planned to come to the regions one by one, but it never came to his area.

It is unclear why the team did not make it to Region II.

"Though it is unlikely that many would have left their leader, the Hmong were not given the chance to go home peacefully."

• John Marks, former State Department intelligence agent, mentioned CIA underwriting of Hmong forces in a speech at the UC Ballroom Thursday. In an interview Friday, Marks said he had heard of occasions in 1971 when Hmong, who depended on the United States for most of their necessities, were cut off the routes of aircraft dropping food and other provisions when they refused to fight. Marks was in Laos at the time, but did not know who ordered the supply drops to be discontinued. He said it was one way to keep the tribes fighting.

• The Hmong tribes have been split ideologically by the war. More than 100,000 of

a total Hmong population in Laos of about 200,000 followed Vang Pao. The others followed the Pathet Lao, or no one at all.

• The communists made several proposals for peaceful settlement of the war in Laos. It has been reported it was Souvanna Phouma who was uncompromising. Some analysts have said the Premier must have been assuming Americans would continue to support his position.

A case in point was told in *Foreign Affairs* magazine in 1971. President Richard Nixon had disclosed information of American military operations in Laos, apparently coincidental to the Pathet Lao announcement the same day of a five-point peace proposal.

"In contrast to his replies to earlier com-

between communist and Laotian factions. When the Pathet Lao began moving into territory held by Vang Pao's troops, the agreement gave him the right to fight back. In fact, Vang Pao said, he was ordered to fight by the Laotian secretary of defense, a rightist who was not politically aligned with neutralist Souvanna Phouma.

Vang Pao said he decided then he could not work for a premier who was yielding to the communists.

"Souvanna Phouma wanted to surrender," Vang Pao said. "He likened our situation to that of Vietnam and Cambodia. But our situation was not like Vietnam or Cambodia; we already had an agreement. We should have held to it."

'It seems unlikely that Thailand will compel the Meos to return to Laos and it is doubtful that leaders of the Pathet Lao want them back. As a result they are a people without a country.'

munist peace proposals," *Foreign Affairs* said, "Souvanna Phouma responded more favorably to this one. It is not unreasonable to assume, that, as a result of the President's announcement, including his reference to sending no American combat troops to Laos, the Laotian Prime Minister was now less certain of full American support and therefore more receptive to a negotiated settlement."

About six months ago Souvanna Phouma realized the communists were assuming governmental control at an accelerating pace. Souvanna Phouma, wanting to avert renewed warfare, told his generals to avoid battle and withdraw when attacked.

The *New York Times* said Vang Pao replied to the Premier's order with air strikes.

Vang Pao, however, said Souvanna Phouma's order did not stand up to Laotian rights according to the peace agreement

"Souvanna Phouma was a neutralist. He was there to keep all sides happy. To do that he should have kept the agreement by asking China or America to help (when the Pathet Lao broke the agreement)."

Vang Pao resigned from the Laotian army. Under increasing pressure from the communists, Souvanna Phouma announced a replacement for Vang Pao in May.

The major general took hundreds of his followers, those most likely to be in jeopardy under his communist enemies, by cargo plane to the CIA headquarters of his old clandestine army, the Udon Thani air base in northeastern Thailand.

Souvanna Phouma, summing up his wartime relationship with Vang Pao, told the *New York Times* Vang Pao "did all he could to maintain the authority of my government during those years."

Now that he is in Missoula, Vang Pao said his only information of the Hmong's plight in Indochina comes from the newspapers. Several American papers have reported panic among the Hmong after Vang Pao left.

An anthropologist, acknowledging the Hmong's historic migration south from Chinese armies and their resistance to nations wanting to govern them, said no place in their region is left where they can run to be left alone.

Laotians Not Hysterical

Laotians have suffered greatly from the war, and most of them had very little to gain, no matter which side prevailed.

Having a disinclination toward fighting—believing a live-and-let-live policy is the best—the Laotians are adapting to their new government without the hysteria that marked communist seizure in South Vietnam.

It is notable, though, that students are protesting in the streets against the new Laotian government.

"Souvanna Phouma is a puppet for the communists, now," Vang Pao said.

Even though the Laotians have a reputation of being indolent, he said, "I know the Laotians; they will never agree to a North Vietnamese government."

The Hmong refugees in Thailand and those still wandering the hills of Laos are in a more dubious position.

Thailand has plenty of social and economic problems without supporting 30 or 40 thousand Meo refugees. But, sensitive about Indochinese relations, the Thai government said it would allow refugees to stay in transit for a limited time.

Vang Pao agreed that it seems unlikely that Thailand will compel the Hmong to return to Laos and it is doubtful that the leaders of the Pathet Lao particularly want them back. As a result they are a people without a country.

The CIA's mission in Laos is apparently finished, but some Congressmen contend the United States has a moral obligation to help the surviving Hmong.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., said yesterday the United States has given \$1.67 million to help the Hmong.

President Gerald Ford earlier this month was considering giving another \$4 million to the Hmong, but Mansfield said money had been given to them only in "drips and drabs" and to his knowledge the \$4 million was never handed out.

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Marks explains workings of top-level CIA intellect

By BRYAN ABAS
Montana Kaimin Reporter

John Marks scratched his beard, propped up his legs and explained what was wrong with the CIA.

"I use to go to these high-level intelligence briefings, usually just because they needed somebody to carry my boss' briefcase," he said.

"Former CIA Director Richard Helms would stare into space and do everything but pay attention. He was obviously not into intelligence information."

Marks was speaking at a press conference Friday at 8 a.m., the morning after his speech in the UC Ballroom.

Marks is the co-author of *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, a book that exposed many CIA activities now being questioned.

"The book has stood up remarkably well in light of the information that has been made public since the book was put to print," Marks said.

The former State Department intelligence officer offered some insights into these Washington personalities:

- CIA Director William Colby "is a faceless technocrat who is at home with computers and has little if any political ideology."

- Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, "is not getting into the substantive matters with the zeal that I would like to see."

- Former President John Kennedy—"to my mind it doesn't matter actually if Kennedy gave the order to try to assassinate Castro, because we all know that both JFK and RFK were following a personal vendetta against Castro."

"Intemperate temperance injures the cause of temperance, while temperate temperance helps it in its fight against intemperate temperance." . . . Mark Twain

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by Garry Trudeau



Nockleby approves regents' delay

By JONATHAN KRIM
Montana Kaimin Reporter

and
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASUM President John Nockleby said yesterday that he agreed with a decision by the State Board of Regents to refer a student-fee plan to the Budget and Finance Committee for further study.

The plan, introduced by Commissioner of Higher Education Lawrence Pettit, recommended that a portion of any student fee increase

or mandatory student fee be used to assist financially needy students.

Nockleby said that he was concerned that the plan would "justify" increasing student fees, which he opposes.

Nockleby added that he does not believe the University of Montana should "get into the business of redistribution of income from rich students to poor students."

He said that the way to ensure that everyone can afford an education is to keep tuition costs low.

The regents also decided Friday

that a masters degree program in public administration be established at UM and Montana State University, the Associated Press reported Saturday.

The graduate public administration program, which will be a joint UM-MSU effort, is tentatively scheduled to begin in 1976.

The regents also adopted a timetable for a long-term review of all graduate, teacher-education and undergraduate programs with low enrollment at the six campuses of the University System.

news briefs

By THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many of the nation's hospitals make it difficult, expensive and embarrassing for a rape victim to obtain an examination and treatment, according to a new government-funded survey. The report was prepared by the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. It said many private hospitals refuse to examine and treat rape victims and others charge them as much as \$75.

Relatives of 32 West German pilots killed in F104 Starfighter crashes have agreed to a total \$1.2-million settlement of claims against Lockheed Aircraft Corp. The prosecuting attorney, Melvin Belli of San Francisco, said, "The plane does not forgive the slightest error." He was referring to claims that the now-obsolete, needle-nosed jet was tricky to fly because its stubby wings gave it less gliding ability than other types if its single engine failed.



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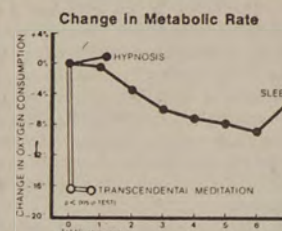
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Employees ratify contract

By RICH ECKE
Montana Kaimin Reporter

Employees at the University of Montana have a new contract.

About 85 members of the employees' association voted in favor of the contract, which was accepted by a two to one margin Thursday. Hurrell Carter, campus representative of the Montana Public Employees' Association (MPEA), said yesterday.

The new contract covers UM employees who are not in supervisory or academic positions, Carter said.

He said student employees are exempt from the contract "because

they are temporary, part-time help." Only permanent full-time and half-time employees are covered, he added.

The ratified contract contains non-wage benefits like maternity leave and job security, as well as an extra holiday for staff employees.

The contract does not change employee wage scales, however, Tom Schneider, MPEA executive director, said.

Schneider said last week that staff monetary issues will be negotiated with the State Board of Regents early next year, as provided for in the new contract.

The MPEA represents about 550 staff members at the University of Montana, as well as the staffs of Mon-

tana Tech, Eastern Montana College and Montana State University.

Schneider reported last week that employees of the other three schools had approved the new contract with only three negative votes between them.

At UM, the MPEA became the sole bargaining agent for staff employees in an election held last year.

The election showed UM employees preferred MPEA representation to that of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees or to no representation at all.

UM employees are not required to join the MPEA, but since state law says they may only have one bargaining agent, the MPEA must represent all of them, Schneider said.

He said a UM employee may either join the union and pay \$2 a month dues or pay the association a \$2 a month "service fee" for representing them.

If the employee refuses to pay in either manner, the new contract requires that he be dismissed.

Schneider said dues paid by staff employees are used to:

- Service their contract.
- Conduct negotiations with the state.
- Pay for a campus representative and field representatives.
- Provide them with legal assistance, perhaps including an association lawyer.

Schneider said MPEA dues may soon be raised to \$3 or \$4, but two-thirds of the members must approve any hike in fees.

Schneider said 141 of the UM staff employees who are dues-paying members of the MPEA, make up 25.6 per cent of all the employees it represents.

More people will join since the new contract has been ratified, Schneider said.

Only dues-paying members can vote on contract ratification, raising fees, strike proposals and other matters.

Employees who are not members would not be bound by a strike vote, Schneider said.

"They get all the benefits and none of the penalties," he added.

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• Italian Travel and Study Program, 4 p.m. today, LA 334.

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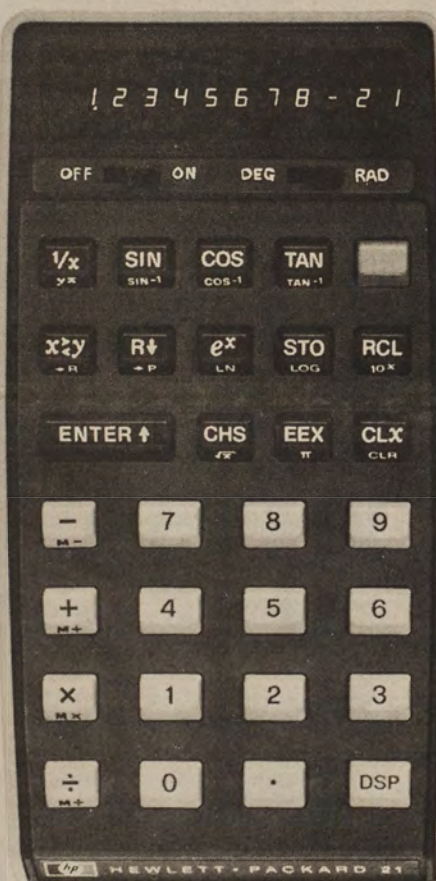
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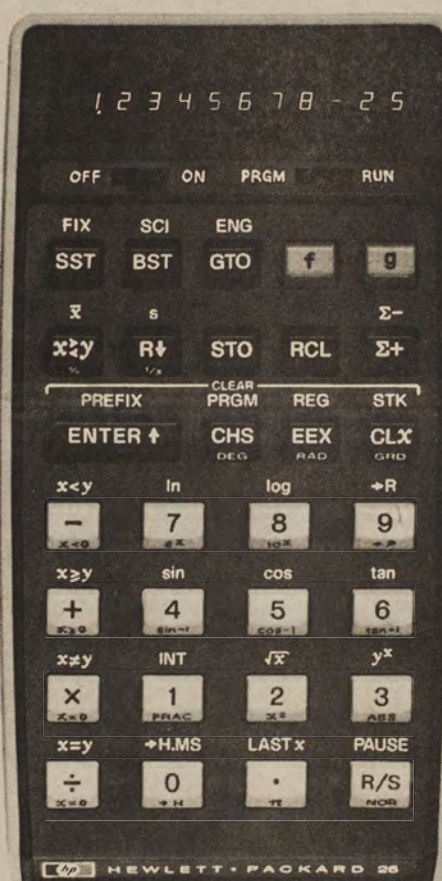
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By DAVE TRIMMER

According to many "experts," the University of Montana Grizzlies were rated to win over Montana State's Bobcats in the 75th battle for football supremacy in the Treasure State.

However, Montana proved to be overrated (they lost 20 to 3), as both Montana Universities lived up to their pre-season billings in last Saturday's game.

In the season's beginning, Montana State was expected to battle for the conference title while Montana was to be a spoiler in the middle of the standings. Both teams started the season in the opposite way.

This time, though, the Grizzlies spoiled nothing in Bozeman except their fans' enthusiasm.

Montana State's Bobcats beat Montana on the field as badly as Bobcat fans beat Grizzly supporters in an afternoon-long snowball fight in the stands.

Grizzly fans had an excuse for losing the snowball fight in the Reno H. Sales Stadium. They were outnumbered and scattered all over the stadium.

The football team should have been so lucky.

As the team lined up for the kickoff after Montana's only score, it fell under a heavy snow attack. The Grizzly closest to the MSU sideline was hit several times, much to the delight of MSU fans.

The battle on the field seemed to be going well for the Grizzlies, as they moved the ball effectively—that is, until they got into Bobcat territory. Grizzly mistakes, penalties and big Bobcat defensive plays bogged down the Grizzlies each time they got rolling.

Bruce Carlson's field goal brought back hope to otherwise disappointed Grizzly boosters.

In reality, the field goal wrapped up the game for the UM team. The cold got to them and they went into hibernation.

All blame doesn't lie with the Grizzly playing. Some could be placed on strategic penalties. Most of the biggest ground-gaining plays came on 15-yard penalties against the Montana team. Although the UM team was assessed only 65 yards in penalties, they came when they counted for the MSU team.

More blame can go to MSU's Steve Kracher. Kracher, the leading rusher in the conference, gained more than 160 yards in the game and exceeded 1,000 yards for the season. He seemed to run at will against the Grizzlies, averaging 6.4 yards a carry.

Bozeman quarterback Mike Holder added some class and excitement to the game by completing 7 of 10 passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns.

A definite Montana highlight was their single fumble—an achievement after fumbling 11 times in the two previous games.

As the Grizzlies were being pushed around by the Cats it made one spectator remember a saying that "it is not possible to win in the Big Sky with just native Montana players." A quick count revealed that 14 MSU starters, including Kracher and Holder, are Montana high school products. UM started only six.

Championship lights have all but died in Missoula, but everything is not grim. The spoiler roll still awaits Montana, especially this weekend when UM plays league leader Boise State.

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'Holy Grail' possibly year's funniest

By RON HAUGE

Montana Kaimin Entertainment Editor

The Fox, through Oct. 30

For those willing to endure the ultra-violent extremes to which Monty Python will go in the name of humour, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* will prove more than a side-splitting experience—it will be a comic masterpiece.

As a logical extension of its collective talent, Monty Python—John Cleese, Michael Palin, Grahame Chapman, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle and Terry Jones—has run the gamut of entertainment presentation.

Beginning with *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, a highly popular and long running British TV series (now syndicated to the states), Monty

Python has produced several innovatively uproarious albums and a previous movie.

The Holy Grail, the group's latest venture, is as fine as anything it has done to date. Most assuredly its effect is so powerful because of a keen sense of absurdity. The beginning credits, the surprise ending and virtually everything sandwiched in between smack of a uniquely British flavour: Bonkers.

Its very nature, then, precludes

The Holy Grail from serious critical analysis. To say that Jones' and Gilliam's directing lends to the film a fresh presentation, though it does, is superfluous. To add that costuming, comic timing and visual impact are superb (they are) is to add too much.

What is important about the movie is that viewers leave it wanting more, abdomens throbbing from laughter, satisfied that their \$2, for a change, was well spent. In that respect, *The Holy Grail* may prove to be the funniest creation of the year.

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Born to Run
Bruce Springsteen

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Such is the spirit of Bruce Springsteen—the spirit of the city.

A relative unknown in the West, Springsteen has a strong East Coast following centered around his native New Jersey. And while *Born to Run* may not make "Springsteen" a household word (this week's cover story in TIME will help), it should assure him a nationwide audience.

If there be justice in the music world, *Born to Run* will be recognized as one of the best rock albums of the year, if only because of Springsteen's unique vocals.

His voice is authentic, yet sounds contrived, with the same false depth and vibrato that most people save for the shower. The vocal surrealism is fascinating to listen to, especially when contrasted with the stark reality of his lyrics.

Most of Springsteen's reputation has been earned through his work as

a lyricist, his lines more prose than poetry. Each song is an endless rush of words, often without apparent construction. He seems to be reading from a Faulkner novel, pausing only to let his band finish a musical phrase.

His imagery is simple and understandable, yet very illustrative. In the same manner that Tom Waits describes the strips of Los Angeles, Springsteen sings of the "jungleland" of New Jersey.

"Barefoot girls sitting on the hood of a Dodge drinking warm beer in the soft summer rain... The midnight gangs assemble and pick a rendezvous for tonight. They'll meet beneath that giant Exxon sign."

Much of Springsteen's writing centers around the inner city, its people and events. The most penetrating tune on *Born to Run* is *Meeting Across the River*, a haunting account of a fugitive trying, presumably, to trade dope for getaway money. A lone trumpet whines behind a piano as Springsteen sings in a reserved, hopeful, desperate voice.

Meeting Across the River is the exception to the orchestration rule on

Born to Run. Most of Springsteen's songs are elaborate productions, as if all originally were intended to open or close the album.

A typical Springsteen tune opens with his straightforward guitar work. A virtuoso he is not; he seems to have fun with his instruments, preferring crashing chords to riffs and runs.

Distortion and pyrotechnics are virtually nonexistent on *Born to Run*, a pleasant change from modern 30-megaton rock.

As Springsteen's guitar sounds, a piano or glockenspiel soars in harmonic ecstasy. Then it comes. The voice, throaty and warm, booming endless lines with a resonance that all but masks the words.

Structurally the songs are simple, revolving around basic two and three chord progressions. The musicianship is anything but complex. Yet the music is thoroughly enjoyable. Why?

Because Springsteen's voice is the lead instrument; all others are only backup. It is a voice born of the Jersey backstreets, raised on street fights and rock-and-roll, lamenting nostalgically the concrete jungle whence it came.

•By IAN MARQUAND

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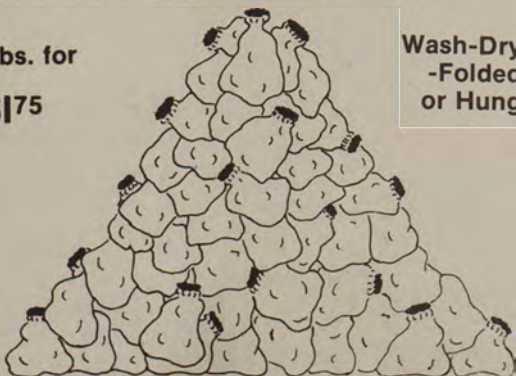
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